

Brolgas in the Gascoyne Region — Brolgas *Grus rubicundus* are rarely seen in the Gascoyne region. Storr (1985, Birds of the Gascoyne Region, Rec. West. Aust. Mus. suppl. 21) gives one record near the Overlander in 1952.

On 11 August 1990 I recorded a pair at the Lyndon River Crossing with the Leamouth Minilya Road about 25km north of Minilya. The birds were feeding about 50m west of the road in open wetland. Seasonal conditions were excellent at this time with about 30mm of rain recorded there on the 6 August and more unseasonal rain before this date.

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Another Brolga sighting — On 20 August 1990 while travelling south from Exmouth to Carnarvon and only a few kilometres north of Minilya River, a bus load of excited tourists observed three Brolgas standing quietly in a swamp to the west of the highway. These birds had obviously migrated away from the unseasonally dry Kimberley region into the unusually wet Gascoyne area and have only once before been recorded so far south (see above).

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New herpetofauna records of Wongan Hills — Dell and Harold (1977) listed the herpetofauna of the Wongan Hills in *The Natural History of the Wongan Hills*, W.A. Naturalists' Club Handbook No. 11. Robinson (1987: *West Aust. Nat.* 17: 22) listed one amphibian and two reptile species as new for the area.

A club excursion to the area during 30 September — 2 October 1989 produced another two reptile species. These were:

Lialis burtonis — adult found beneath dead shrub in samphire vegetation at Mortlock Reserve.

Ctenophorus cristatus — one sub-adult active in open Gimlet/York Gum woodland at Fowlers Gully. Another sub-adult and two adults were observed active in mallee shrubland on laterite at Mt. O'Brien (T.V. Translator Tower).

The total species now known from the area is 31.

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